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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you of United States violations of Iraqi airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation during the period from 9 to 15 April 1992.

9-10 April 1992

Twenty-one sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Irbil and Zakho.

10-11 April 1992

Twenty-six sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and six single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Irbil.

11-12 April 1992

Thirty sorties, flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

12-13 April 1992

Twenty-one sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at a speed of 800 km/h and at altitudes of 3,500-8,500 m, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, and the area west of Mosul.

At 0947 hours on the same day, an aircraft coming from Saudi Arabian airspace (Al-Asghar area) crossed the Iraqi international frontier flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 9,000 m, penetrating 20 km into Iraqi airspace.

13-14 April 1992

Twenty-four sorties, flown by 12 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at an altitude of 4,500-5,000 m, centred on Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Mosul.

14-15 April 1992

Seventeen sorties, flown by six two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600-850 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Zakho.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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